



City of Scottsdale PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Approved Summary Minutes

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 7, 2011
Eldorado Community Center, Room 5
2311 N. Miller Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85257

Present:

Chairman Stan Koczka
Vice Chair Harry Schlegelmilch
Commissioner Robert Frost
Commissioner Anne Wurth

Commissioner Gene Dafoe
Commissioner Jeanne Alspaugh
Commissioner James Duchene

Staff Present:

Bill Murphy, Executive Director, Community Services
Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Hugh McGill, Parks and Recreation Manager
Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Manager
Don Davis, Parks and Recreation Manager
Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager

Michael Ruggiero, Technology Specialist
Jeff Cesaretti, Stadium Supervisor
Stephanie Johnson, Assistant Stadium Coordinator
Tim Ostby, LPC, Diversion Counselor
Joanne Meierdirks, LPC, Outreach Coordinator
Lorelei Oien, Administrative Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Koczka called the regular meeting to order Eldorado Park Community Center at 5:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

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4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Frost to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from May 4, 2011; second by Commissioner Alspaugh. Minutes approved unanimously with a vote of seven (7) to zero (0).

Motion by Commissioner Frost to approve Joint Work Study Session with McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission Minutes from May 5, 2011; second by Commissioner Schlegelmilch. Minutes approved unanimously with a vote of seven (7) to zero (0).

Motion by Commissioner Frost to approve Work Study Session Minutes from June 2, 2011; second by Commissioner Alspaugh. Minutes approved unanimously with a vote of seven (7) to zero (0).

5. BOND 2012 PROJECTS

Mr. Bill Murphy, Community Services Executive Director presented proposed Parks and Recreation Bond 2012 Projects for commission review and concurrence to the Bond Task Force, with a focus on the top five priorities for Community Services, three of which are for the Parks and Recreation Department: aquatics chemical system replacement; Vista del Camino Park/Indian Bend Wash renovation, and ball field lighting system replacement.

The presentation was followed by Commission questions and discussions, including:

- The last bond initiative failed at least in part due to a lack of community advocates for the items being proposed; the school district was running a bond initiative at the same time; there weren't any items that the public could get excited about; there was no public survey or assessment of community needs.
- The importance of creating advocacy for the bond and the kinds of projects that would create excitement for it.
- A two phased approach with the first phase being what is needed to maintain business at existing parks, and the second phase to include new projects/parks/community centers.
- Review projects not yet completed from a previous bond.
- Revenue generation.
- Project prioritization and process.
- Bond Task Force information and purpose.
- Create a recommendation that includes a new facility in north Scottsdale so there is something for the citizens in the north part of the city to get excited about in addition to the renovations that have been identified.

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- Concern about making priority recommendations as a citizen advisory group without a public survey; adding costs such as overhead and staff for new park facilities when staff's direction has been to reduce costs.
- At this time, more focus on how to get the bond passed than what the priorities should be.
- Objective is to get the projects done; in order to meet the objective you have to sell the bond; in order to sell the bond there has to be something in it for the whole city.

Motion by Commissioner Frost to add Thompson Peak Community Park as item number 6 to the proposed Parks and Recreation Bond 2012 Projects priority list in an effort to create additional interest and support of the bond for North area residents; second by Chairman Koczka.

Vote: Motion passed with a vote of five (5) to two (2) with Commissioners Dafoe and Wurth dissenting.

6. 2011 SCOTTSDALE STADIUM SPRING TRAINING RECAP

Ms. Stephanie Johnson, Assistant Stadium Coordinator, gave an update of the 2011 Spring Training, which included a recap of the prep work and celebrating the 2010 World Champion Giants. Mr. Jeff Cesaretti provided information on attendance and stadium additions.

7. YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES DIVERSION PROGRAMS

Mr. Tim Ostby, LPC, Diversion Counselor, provided information on the Juvenile Diversion Program, including program referrals, trends, intakes, pre-diversion, and community restitution programs. Ms. Joanne Meierdirks, LPC, Outreach Coordinator, provided information on the Adult Community Restitution Program, as well as new collaborative programs such as SYARAT (Scottsdale Youth at Risk Action Team) and READY (Runaway Education and Development of Youth).

8. COMMISSIONER REPORT

The commissioners reported on Parks and Recreation events and activities they participated in over the summer.

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K))

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, provided an update of items staff had been working on over the summer and upcoming events.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

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11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorelei Oien
Administrative Secretary

Meets established criteria,
Janice M. Cameron
Director, Parks and Recreation

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